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1. The reply filed on August 30, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because it omits the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) that applicant asserts is enclosed with the amendment. See pages 6 & 8 of the amendment.
2. The amendment to the claims filed on August 30, 2006 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because deleted text in excess of five characters is indicated by double brackets (see claims 4 & 5).
3. Since the reply filed on August 30, 2006 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
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